

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**CORRECTED
FISCAL NOTE**

SB 1619 - HB 1805

March 17, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes Tennessee residents with a valid handgun carry permit to possess such weapon within the boundaries of a state, municipal or county park.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

On March 11, 2009, we issued a fiscal note indicating a *MINIMAL* impact on state expenditures. Based upon further review and additional information provided by the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), the fiscal impact of this bill is as follows:

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Increase State Expenditures - \$38,200/One-Time

Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$50,000/One-Time*

Assumptions:

- Current signage in 53 state parks states that firearms are not allowed. TDEC estimates approximately three signs per park, for a total of 159 signs. Some signs state that bringing a firearm into a state park is a misdemeanor subject to fine and imprisonment. Many of the signs contain notice of multiple rules, including the prohibition of firearms. Although the bill does not specify that signs will be modified or replaced, it will be necessary for TDEC to change the signs to comply with this legislation to prevent an inconsistency between the signage and state law.
- TDEC will replace 159 signs at a cost of \$240 each. The total cost of sign replacement will be \$38,160 (159 x \$240 = \$38,160).
- TDEC will use existing personnel to replace the signs. There will be no additional costs for labor.
- Some local governments will have to replace similar signage. It is estimated that the cost to local governments statewide to make such changes exceeds \$50,000 one-time.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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